

Claims

[c1] A camera carrier comprising:

- at least one receptacle forming member at least partially defining an open top chamber adapted to receive at least a portion of a camera lens therein;
- an attachment system operably associated with the receptacle member and adapted to releaseably mount the receptacle forming member to a person with a longitudinal axis of a camera lens pointing generally downwardly;
- a generally upwardly facing camera stop positioned adjacent an upper edge of the receptacle forming member and operable to limit movement of a camera lens into the chamber and support a camera while being carried by the camera carrier; and
- a retainer operable to releaseably retain a camera mounted to a portion of the camera carrier.

[c2] A camera carrier as set forth in claim 1 wherein at least one receptacle forming member including first and second members with a portion of the first and second members coupled together, a portion of the first member being longer than and spaced from a corresponding portion of the second member defining at least a portion

of the chamber, said chamber open top forming a lens entry to the chamber.

- [c3] A camera carrier as set forth in claim 2 wherein said attachment system including at least one first securement device secured to said second member and operable to mount said first and second members to said attachment system.
- [c4] A camera carrier as set forth in claim 3 wherein said attachment system including a waist belt and said at least one first securement device including at least one loop member defining a waist belt receiving sleeve.
- [c5] A camera carrier as set forth in claim 4 wherein there is a plurality of said at least one loop member, said loop members being in spaced apart relationship and each forming a waist belt receiving sleeve for receipt of the waist belt therethrough.
- [c6] A camera carrier as set forth in claim 2 wherein said first member including a pair of first member portions each having opposite first and second end portions, said first end portions being free end portions and having interengageable first fastener devices thereon to releaseably attach the first end portions together in overlapping relationship.

- [c7] A camera carrier as set forth in claim 6 wherein the first fastener devices being operable to allow adjustment of overlap of the overlapping portions to selectively adjust perimeter size of the chamber.
- [c8] A camera carrier as set forth in claim 7 wherein the first fastener devices each including one of a hook fastener device or a loop fastener device.
- [c9] A camera carrier as set forth in claim 1 wherein the retainer including a strap having an intermediate portion positioned over the open top end of the chamber.
- [c10] A camera carrier as set forth in claim 9 wherein the strap including a second securement device operable to selectively release a camera from retention by the retainer.
- [c11] A camera carrier as set forth in claim 10 wherein the second securement device including one of a hook or loop fastening member attached thereto.
- [c12] A camera carrier as set forth in claim 11 wherein the strap has opposite end portions and one said strap opposite end portion having said first securement device attached thereto for releasable securement to a hook or loop fastening member secured to the receptacle forming member.

- [c13] A camera carrier as set forth in claim 12 wherein the other of said strap opposite ends having a said second securement device attached thereto for releasable securing to a hook or loop member secured to a portion of the attachment system.
- [c14] A camera carrier as set forth in claim 13 wherein the strap including first and second strap portions with a third securement device releasably securing said first and second strap portions to one another intermediate said first and second end portions.
- [c15] A camera carrier as set forth in claim 14 wherein the third securement device including a hook fastening member secured to said first strap portion and a loop fastening member secured to said second strap portion.
- [c16] A camera carrier as set forth in claim 2 including a fourth securement device operable to assist in the retainer releasably retaining a camera mounted to a portion of the camera carrier and preventing at least one of the first and second members from decoupling.
- [c17] A camera carrier as set forth in claim 16 including a hook or loop fastener member exposed on an outside surface of one of the first and second member and the fourth securement device including a strap having a

hook or loop fastener member releaseably attachable to the hook or loop fastener member on said outside surface.

- [c18] A camera carrier as set forth in claim 17 wherein the retainer including a strap having an free end thereof with a hook or loop fastener member adjacent the free end and releaseably attachable to a hook or loop fastener member on an outside surface of the receptacle forming member.